

Power Hour Extended Learning Time



Marion Community Schools | McCulloch Junior High School

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Our location

MCS is an urban school system of about 3,600 students in the city of Marion, population about 30,000.

McCulloch's demographics

About 560 students: 47.2% white; 25.5% black; 15.9% multiracial; 9.6% Hispanic; 1.4% Asian

64.3% free meals; 8.2% reduced

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE

At McCulloch Junior High School, **Power Hour** offers opportunities for diverse student groups. Currently there are about 200 students participating in activities such as jazz choir, drumline, jazz band, orchestra club, drama club, chess club, homework help sessions, book club, community service club, media club, student government club, and a history through movies club. Approximately 50 percent of our licensed teachers facilitate a Power Hour group. Our jazz groups recently competed at the ISSMA Jazz Festival and earned gold ratings. We were one of only two junior high level jazz choir groups competing in the entire state. Power Hour has increased student attendance and engagement. Many students come to school at 7 a.m. and stay until 5:15 p.m. to take advantage of these opportunities.

OUR STEPS

With our School Improvement Grant, McCulloch Junior High School developed extended-day learning opportunities both before and after school. We asked teachers AND students to come up with ideas for Power Hour activities and clubs. About a quarter of the activities were student-driven.

OUR SUCCESS

stakeholder quotes etc.

For more information about our school or corporation, email Brenda McVicker, bmcvicker@marion.k12.in.us or visit our website www.marion.k12.in.us



The Power Hour Jazz Choir (above) and Jazz Band (below) earned GOLD ratings at the recent ISSMA JME Jazz Festival!

